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24 men in the dock Sadat murder trial opens

CAIRO, Nov. 20 (Agencies) — Twenty-four men facing possible death sentences go on trial Saturday accused of plotting or carrying out the assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

The first hearing, before three military judges, headed by Maj. Gen. Samir Attia, at a secret venue in the Cairo suburbs, was expected to be brief with the prosecution reading out the charges and lawyers being instructed on court procedure. The accused, already condemned by the Egyptian media, are charged with director or indirect involvement in Sadat's murder on Dec. 6. The prosecution is demanding the death sentence for all 24.

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U.S. banks takeover averted

ALBANY, New York, Nov. 20 (R) — The New York State Bank Board has prevented an attempted Arab takeover of a 12-bank interstate holding company with assets of \$2.8 billion. Officials of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) had sought the board's approval to buy the controlling interest in Financial General Bank Shares, a company based in Richmond, Virginia, which owns banks in New York, Virginia, Tennessee and Washington, D.C.

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Antique teaspoon fetches \$18,480

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP) — A single silver teaspoon, five centuries old, was sold in London Thursday for a world record 9,200 pounds (\$18,480), auctioneers said.

The high price resulted from the antiquity and rarity of the date letter in the hallmark on the spoon, indicating it was made about 1465 in the reign of King Edward IV, the earliest cycle of date letters on English silver.

Hallmarks were impressed by assay offices to guarantee precious metal content. The spoon came from an anonymous English owner and was bought by a London dealer.



BLIMP PATROL: The blimp Enterprise flies by the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Cape Gull during a three-day experimental patrol in which the 92-foot airship helped with search and rescue and drug patrol missions. This photo was taken 30 miles off Pompano Beach, Florida where the blimp helped locate a pleasure boat with two persons stranded in it.

Siberian gas Bonn, Moscow strike deal

ESSEN, West Germany, Nov. 20 (R) — West Germany's Ruhrgas Energy concern said Friday it had reached accord with the Soviet Union to buy natural gas which will be supplied from Siberia under a huge East-West pipeline project.

Announcement of the agreement came only two days before Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev arrives in Bonn for talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt covering disarmament problems and other East-West issues including economic cooperation.

A company spokesman said the agreement, worked out in talks with Soviet foreign trade and gas agency chiefs, would be signed in Essen Friday afternoon.

"It is a complete agreement which contains all conditions such as price, quantity, and pipeline pressure," he said.

The agreement is the first in an expected series with West European firms seeking an annual total of 40 billion cubic meters of gas from the late 1980s, industry sources said.

Conclusion of agreement on price would complete the controversial deal, which has been billed as the biggest ever negotiated between East and West.

Western experts have estimated the overall hard currency cost of the project at anywhere between \$10 and \$20 billion. If Soviet domestic investment were included, the cost could be \$40 billion.

The planned pipeline would carry supplies from Western Siberian gasfields over a distance of 4,500 km (2,800 miles) to the Soviet Union's western border. From there supplies would be distributed via Czechoslovakia or Hungary to the West European grid.

Ruhrgas has negotiated for over a year for an annual 12 billion cubic meters of the gas, making it the largest would-be purchaser. Supplies would also go to France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Austria and Switzerland.

The Reagan administration sought initially to persuade its West European allies that the pipeline could make them dangerously over-reliant on Soviet energy supplies — an objec-

tion West Germany never accepted. The deliveries, over a 20-25 year period, would increase the Soviet share of West German gas supplies to 30 percent from a current 16 percent.

But West German officials, who say their country must make use of all energy sources as well as oil, argue that Soviet gas would even then account for only five or six percent of total energy consumption.

Further details of the agreement were expected from a press conference after the signing ceremony. But Western diplomatic sources in Bonn said they understood the price was favorable to Ruhrgas.

Contracts for much of the pipeline and allied compressor and pumping equipment have already been awarded to West German, French, Italian and British firms.



SMOKEOUT: University of Miami students dressed as cigarette packs and pulled a coffin during an anti-smoking parade Thursday in Miami. Organizations across the United States are urging Americans to quit smoking.

OAU summit on Chad postponed

ABIDJAN, Nov. 20 (R) — An African summit meeting due to be held in Zaire's capital of Kinshasa Friday to work out arrangements for sending a pan-African peace force to Chad has been postponed, the Zaire News Agency (AZAP) reported.

AZAP said the postponement was at the request of Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, current chairman of the 50-nation Organization of African Unity (OAU) which is sending the force to the troubled Central African country. The news agency did not say when the meeting would be held.

Chad President Goukouni Oueddei was in Kinshasa Thursday night for the meeting but returned to his capital, Ndjamena, because of a worsening military situation in the eastern part of the country.

Nigerian President Shehu Shagari said he would not attend the summit. His country, together with Zaire, Benin, Togo, Senegal and Guinea, had pledged to supply troops for the force, which African sources said would

ideally number between 5,000 and 6,000 men.

The pan-African troops are to replace Libyan forces called into Chad by President Goukouni last December to help crush a rebellion by his former Defense Minister, Hissene Habre. The Libyans have just pulled back at the request of the president.

Zaire has already sent 700 paratroops to Chad. They are now waiting in Ndjamena for the rest of the force to arrive. But African sources said the arrival of the Zaireans irritated the Nigerians whose Gen. G. O. Ejiga has been named commander of the overall force and who are to provide 2,000 troops.

Meanwhile, troops loyal to Hissene Habre captured the eastern Chad town of Abeche Thursday, military sources said in Ndjamena Habre's Armed Forces of the North (FAN) seized the town four days after Libyan troops pulled out as part of a general withdrawal from Chad, "without any serious fighting because of the lack of opposition," the sources said.

Brezhnev aide skeptical of U.S. arms proposals

MOSCOW, Nov. 20 (Agencies) — A top Kremlin spokesman on Friday expressed skepticism of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's new arms talks proposal, he said he would welcome a shift from Washington's previous "warlike" policies.

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Kingdom consumes most cardamom

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 20 — Saudi Arabia is the major consuming center of cardamom in the world and is the largest buyer of Indian cardamom, according to P.D. Khemani director of the Indian Cardamom Board in Bahrain. Khemani presently is on a six-day visit to Saudi Arabia to promote exports and market development of the spice in the Kingdom.

The Indian Embassy told Arab News that apart from direct imports of cardamom from India, local traders also get Indian cardamom in large quantities from the neighboring markets of Kuwait, Jordan and Dubai.

India is the largest single exporter of cardamom in the world. Even though Indian car-



P. D. Khemani

damom is exported to more than 60 countries of the world. 85 percent of its exports are directed to the Middle East countries, according to an Indian embassy report. In 1980-81 India exported SR60 million worth of cardamom to Saudi Arabia a decrease compared to SR70 million for 1979-80.

In order to strengthen and develop cardamom trade between Arab countries and India, the government of India set up a trade promotion office in Bahrain in February, 1981. The center's aim is to enable importers of cardamom to establish contact with reliable Indian exporters, to help to create an atmosphere of complete understanding and good relations between Arab traders and Indian exporters and to provide assistance to Arab traders in their business with India and to develop the market and promote exports of the spice to the Arab world, the Indian Embassy reported.

SAPTCO income increases by 85 percent

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Nov. 20 — The Saudi Public Transport Co. (SAPTCO) increased its income by 85 percent over last year, resulting in an income totaling SR153 million.

According to Saudi Business magazine Saturday, the bus transport company also declared a 15 percent dividend for its shareholders. The dividend was declared during SAPTCO's annual general meeting here earlier this month. The rise in dividends also is reflected in the current share value of SAPTCO, which stands at SR160 per share against SR100 when the company was launched two years ago. Dr. Samir A. Ghonaim, the company's director general told the magazine.

The director general added that at present, there are about 35,000 shareholders, while the government has subscribed to 10 million shares. The total value of shares is SR1 bil-

lion. Ghonaim also said SAPTCO has an operating budget of about SR690 million, while the revenues are anticipated at about SR210 million. Part of the income is accounted for by prepaid tickets — 45,800 of which already have been sold during the 45-day period since the inception of the program. The magazine also reported that the company has transported from its opening until now more than 140 million passengers.

At present SAPTCO has a fleet of 1,110 buses, of which 720 are single-decker, 130 are double-deckers and two are articulated. In addition there are 258 inter-city buses consisting of 200 Mercedes, 40 Nissans and 18 double-decker Neoplans, the magazine reported.

Regarding route expansion, Ghonaim told

the magazine that five additional routes will be added in Jeddah, four in Riyadh, six in Medina, one in Taif and two in Dammam. The additions are expected this fiscal year. As for the Over-the-Road program, new links will be opened to connect Riyadh-Taif, Dammam-Riyadh and Riyadh-Buraidah. Other proposals call for the addition of a few more segments in the SAPTCO network. These include Medina-Buraidah and Yanbu-Hail, extending down to Abha and Taif in the south. These proposals will take effect once they are cleared by the Ministry of Communications, he added. The new routes may entail the addition of 50 more inter-city buses.

Also, the company has strengthened its training programs in order to overcome the problem of staff shortage.

E. region projects total SR448m

DAMMAM, Nov. 20 (SPA) — Contracts for building projects worth SR448 million were awarded last week by the Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs in the Eastern Region, an official announced here Friday.


Abdul Rahman Al-Shehail, regional director general of municipal and rural affairs, said the projects for which contracts have been awarded include disposal of drainage water in Jubail at a cost of SR318 million. The contract has been let to an international company which is expected to implement the project within a period of 33 months.

Shehail said the project will cover all streets, localities and houses in Jubail which will also have a large network of drinking water supply in the near future.

Referring to roads projects, Shehail said that SR200 million has been allocated for asphalt, paving and illuminating of the streets in Dammam. He added that three contracts worth SR65 million have been signed

recently to ensure speedy execution of the project, and three more contracts will be signed next week. Another SR60 million has been allocated for asphalt, paving and illuminating of the streets in Alkhubar. These projects have been divided into two groups, and a SR24-million contract has already been signed for the implementation of the first group projects. Contract for the projects of the second group will be signed next week.

Shehail added that a SR38-million contract has been let to a national company for the construction of a central vegetable market in Dammam. The project will be completed over a period of 20 months. Another contract for SR1.9-million has been awarded for the construction of a sheep market in Alkhubar. It will be completed in 12 months' time. Besides, a contract worth SR350,000 has been signed for the fencing of a graveyard in Alkhubar and another worth SR700,000 for the construction of public lavatories in the same town, he said.



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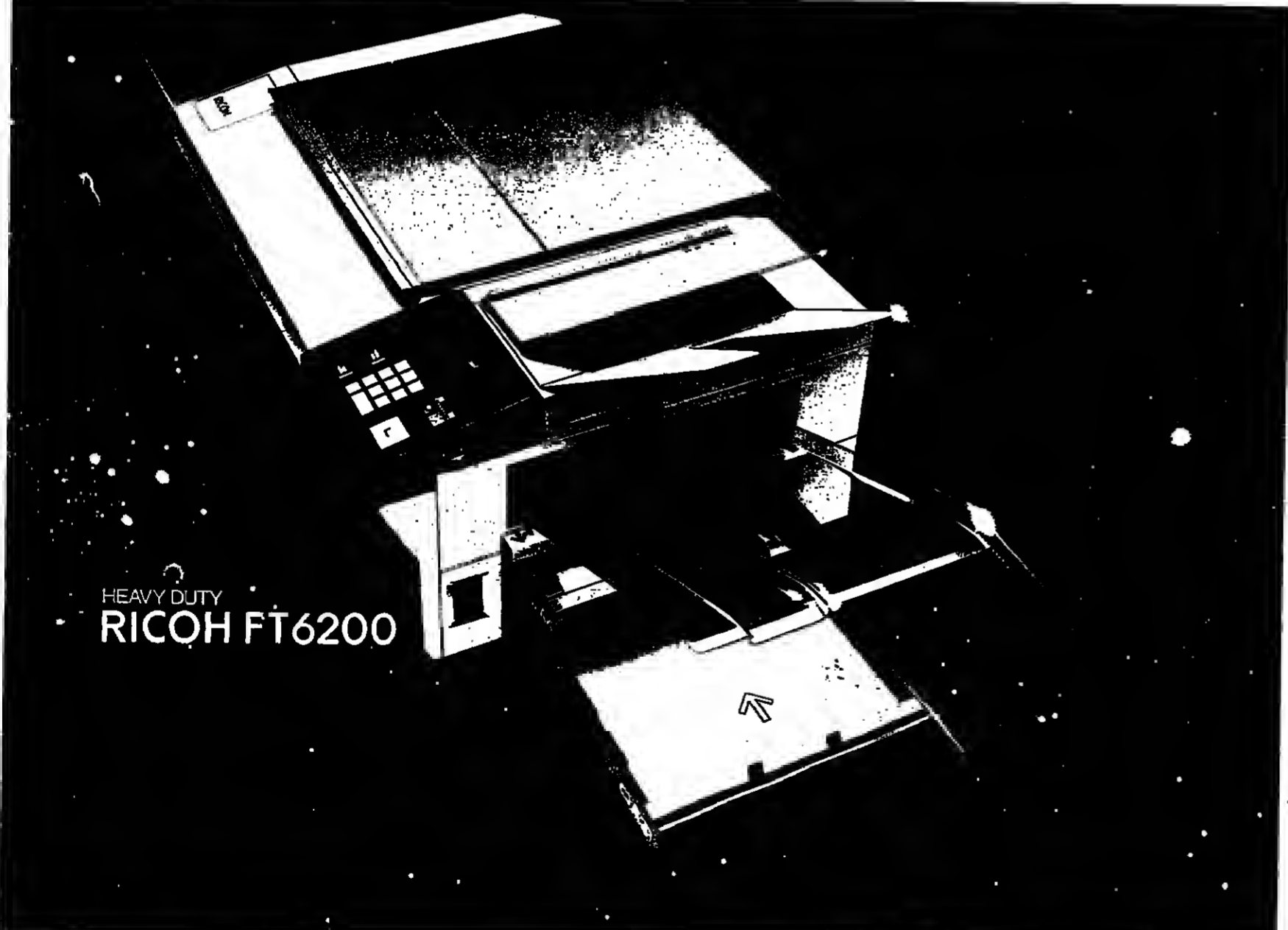
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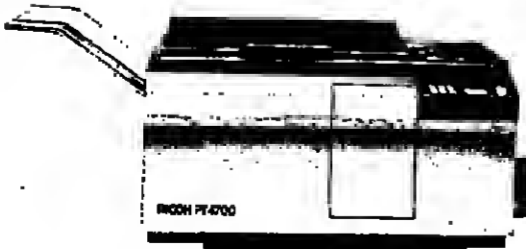


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Police, civil defense aid Taif rescue operations

Collapsed roof kills 45 in wedding party

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 20 — On behalf of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, Makkah Governor Prince Majed has consoled the bereaved families of the victims of a building collapse tragedy that took place in Taif Thursday.

The building, used for wedding receptions and located in Shehar area, was having two wedding parties when it capsized — killing 45 people, most of them women. Among the women victims, there were 31 Saudis, 11 Yemenis and one Sudanese, while the nationality of the other two was not immediately known. At least 90 persons, most of them women and children, received various injuries.

According to *Al Jazirah* Friday, the ill-fated building had been constructed 10 years ago without a license and, as the Mayor of Taif put it, a villa was supposed to be built in the place of the collapsed structure. The paper said that the ceiling of the ground floor caused the deaths of a majority of victims. The whole ceiling came tumbling down on nearly 850 people who were invited to the parties. As a result of this impact, other portions of the building also rolled down — transforming the rejoicings into an unprecedented tragedy.

A large contingent of police as well as civil defense and fire-fighting personnel rushed to the scene of the tragedy to rescue those still caught in the debris. The armed forces also took part in the rescue operations with three helicopters to transfer the casualties to the military hospital by order of Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation. Orders were immediately issued to put the Hada and Taif military hospitals and 10 ambulances at the disposal of the injured. While some of the

injured have been discharged after receiving first-aid, others with serious injuries have been admitted in the military hospital for further care.

Interior Minister Prince Naif and his deputy Prince Ahmed kept themselves posted with the rescue operations while Prince Majed maintained uninterrupted contact with the proper authorities in Taif, and gave them instructions on the rescue and assistance of those affected by the tragedy.

Meanwhile, *Al Jazirah* quoted eyewitnesses and some participants in the reception as saying that two wedding parties of Yemeni families were taking place simultaneously. At the time of collapse, the two grooms and their brides were waiting in their rooms for permission to come out on the stage set before the invites. But, before this could take place, the building capsized. The two couples were safe, however.

The Governor of Taif, Sheikh Saleh Al-Saleh, expressed his profound sorrow over the tragedy. Commenting on the cause of the incident, he said that, apparently, the building was not originally meant for big receptions. He added that the municipality must carry out a comprehensive survey of all such reception halls in Taif, so it could be possible to draft specifications and grant licenses for their construction.

Col. Abdullah bin Moideh, assistant director of Taif police, said the catastrophe was unparalleled in the history of Taif. He also attributed the cause of the collapse to architectural defects in the building, but denied that the tragedy was due to the explosion of a gas cylinder in the area reserved for making tea and coffee.

On the other hand, *Al Jazirah* reported having contacted the owner of the ill-fated building to enquire about the possible causes



(Photo courtesy of Al Jazirah)

DESOLATION: A solitary lute, the central instrument in an Arab wedding party celebration, reflects the tragic scene at the wedding hall in Taif, which collapsed on the heads of nearly 850 guests — killing at least 45 and wounding nearly 100.

of its collapse and also whether it was built without a license, as the mayor had earlier said. The owner said that the building had only a ground floor when he bought it five years ago. But, after a year, he added one floor and used it as a reception house without a license. He, however, reiterated that the cause of the collapse, as it appears from the tragedy, was to be attributed to defects in the ceiling of the ground floor and that the contractor was to be held responsible for not obtaining a building permit from the proper authorities.

In the meantime, a committee has been set up to investigate the causes. It has already started interrogations with the contractor who is a Yemeni national.

Earlier, while expressing his deep sorrow over the tragedy, Prince Majed said that the state is seriously concerned about taking the

Jubail plastics firm succeeds in marketing first products

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 20 — Despite industries in Jubail being several years from completion, one plastic firm already is selling its product and developing its sales expertise, *Saudi Business* magazine reported Saturday.

The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC) organization is carving out a market share by acquiring polyethylene abroad and reselling it to local users, the magazine said. SABIC marketing director Abdullah Al-Nojaidi, said that the Saudi manufacturers are pleased that SABIC has entered the market, with the convenience and predictability that implies.

The first shipment of low- and high-density polyethylene, bought in Belgium from Essochem, was unloaded in Jubail in October. A second cargo was expected Nov. 20, with a third on order, said Al-Nojaidi. So far SABIC has sold 60 to 70 percent of the first 500-ton shipment, the magazine added.

According to the magazine, foreign suppliers have put up little resistance to SABIC's arrival in the marketplace. A few tried to under price, Al-Nojaidi told the magazine. They have regarded cooperating with

SABIC as a way to expand their share of the market and cut marketing expenses, although the gain will last only a few years and sales will be at wholesale rather than retail prices, the magazine added.

The report also said that ASABIC is changing the going rate for its plastics, but it cultivates the market by sending its staff of three salesmen to call on manufacturers, get to know them personally and become familiar with their machines.

Belgian officials to visit Kingdom

RIYADH, Nov. 20 (SPA) — Belgian defense minister, Frank Solain, is to arrive here Saturday for talks with Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation. In other developments, a Belgian trade delegation also will arrive in Jeddah Saturday to hold talks with the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Belgian embassy officials said Thursday. The delegation will open a Belgian products exhibition at the chamber on Sunday. The delegation will stay for three days.

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Reagan affirms stand on united Jerusalem

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan has reaffirmed his position in favor of a united Jerusalem and assured American Jewish leaders that he would act "to reject and condemn" anti-Semitism whenever it surfaces.

Reagan met twice with Jewish leaders Thursday to respond to concerns that the administration was considering alternatives to the Camp David accords as the road to a Middle East peace settlement.

Later, a White House statement said Reagan said he believes Jerusalem should be united and controlled by Israel. The statement followed an account of the meeting given to reporters by Howard Squadron, chairman of the American Jewish Congress. Squadron said Reagan repeated campaign statements that he favored a united Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty and opposed the creation of a separate Palestinian state on the West Bank.

Iran said dependent on Soviet arms

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 20 (AP) — An aide to former President Abolbassan Bani-Sadr of Iran said Thursday that the Iranian revolutionary regime had become increasingly dependent militarily on the Soviet Union since the American hostage crisis.

Dr. Mansour Farhang, who was his country's U.N. ambassador during the early

stages of the hostage crisis, told reporters the Carter administration and the American media had played into the hands of Iranian radicals by over-emphasizing the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran two years ago.

"The Soviet Union seized the opportunity of the hostage-taking and the economic sanctions on Iran in order to expand their trade, especially in arms, said Farhang.

Abdul Sattar sworn in as president

DACCA, Nov. 20 (Agencies) — Justice Minister Abdul Sattar was sworn in Friday as president of Bangladesh. Abdul Sattar won a landslide victory in the Nov. 15 presidential elections, defeating his 29 rivals including the Awami League's Dr. Kamal Hussein by a massive margin.

Chief Justice Syed Kemaluddin Hussein administered the oath of office at a simple ceremony held at the presidential palace.

Parliamentary members of the Awami League boycotted the swearing-in ceremony in protest against what they called widespread vote-rigging. Hussein called the election "a fraud and a farce" and claimed he would have won but for widespread malpractice by the government party.

China blames Soviets for attacks in Pakistan

PEKING, Nov. 20 (R) — China said Friday the Soviet Union should take responsibility for cross-border attacks by Afghan gunships on refugee camps reported by Pakistan. A commentary in *The People's Daily* said: "The Soviet Union, as an instigator of the armed provocations, should bear the responsibility for all this."

The newspaper said the attacks occurred at a time when Afghanistan was being discussed at the United Nations, which showed the Soviet Union's stubborn attitude toward international opinion.

BRIEFS

KARACHI, (AP) — The state-owned Pakistan International Airlines, carrying out a major reorganization operation, dismissed another 100 employees, bringing to some 1,800 the number removed since August, PIA sources said Friday.

ANKARA, (R) — Turkish health authorities reported the first death Friday in a typhoid outbreak in Ankara and said the number of cases had risen to 452 from 320 since Thursday.

TEL AVIV, (R) — The senior Israeli officer responsible for occupied Arab territories has resigned over differences with Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, Israel television reported. Maj. -Gen. Danny Matt's resignation has been accepted by Sharon.

RABAT, (R) — Moroccan troops have repelled an attack on the garrison of Msied, in the south of the country, and killed or wounded more than 100 Polisario guerrillas, the Moroccan news agency reported Thursday night.

ANKARA, (AP) — A military court here sentenced eight leftist urban guerrillas to death after conviction on charges of armed resurrection, a military communique reported Friday.

PLO, allies threaten to use force against Haddad militia

BEIRUT, Nov. 20 (AP) — The joint command of the Palestine Liberation Organization and its Lebanese allies threatened to resort to force if rightist militiamen of renegade Lebanese Army Maj. Saad Haddad did not withdraw from hilltop positions in U.N.-controlled zones in South Lebanon, according to a communique carried by Lebanese newspapers Friday.

The communique appealed to the U.N. peacekeeping forces command in South Lebanon to ensure the withdrawal of the militias from positions around the village of Haddata in the U.N. zone controlled by the Irish battalion, 11 kilometers north of the Israeli border.

On Thursday, reports from Israel said Haddad's troops had tried to set up an observation post on a hill near the village of Taire which they claimed offered a vantage point to detect Palestinian commando infiltrations into the rightist-controlled enclave along the Israeli border. The reports said Irish troops had encircled the post.


The communique warned that the joint Palestinian and leftist forces would "liberate" by force Haddad's positions if his men did not withdraw within the next 48 hours. It said Haddad had threatened to blow up the village of Haddata if its inhabitants did not pledge their allegiance to Haddad's "free Lebanon" enclave.

China aide ends Pakistan visit

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 20 (R) — Chinese armed forces chief Gen. Yang Duzhi ended a visit to Pakistan Friday which, diplomats said, seemed designed to show there was no chance of the United States replacing China as Pakistan's main military backer.

Diplomatic sources said the red carpet treatment Gen. Yang received, and statements made by both sides at official receptions, were clear signals to this effect. New links between Pakistan and the United States through a \$3.2 billion military and economic package would make no difference to the close Pakistan-China relationship, they said.

Yang, chief of the general staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, was the first Chinese military chief to visit Pakistan.



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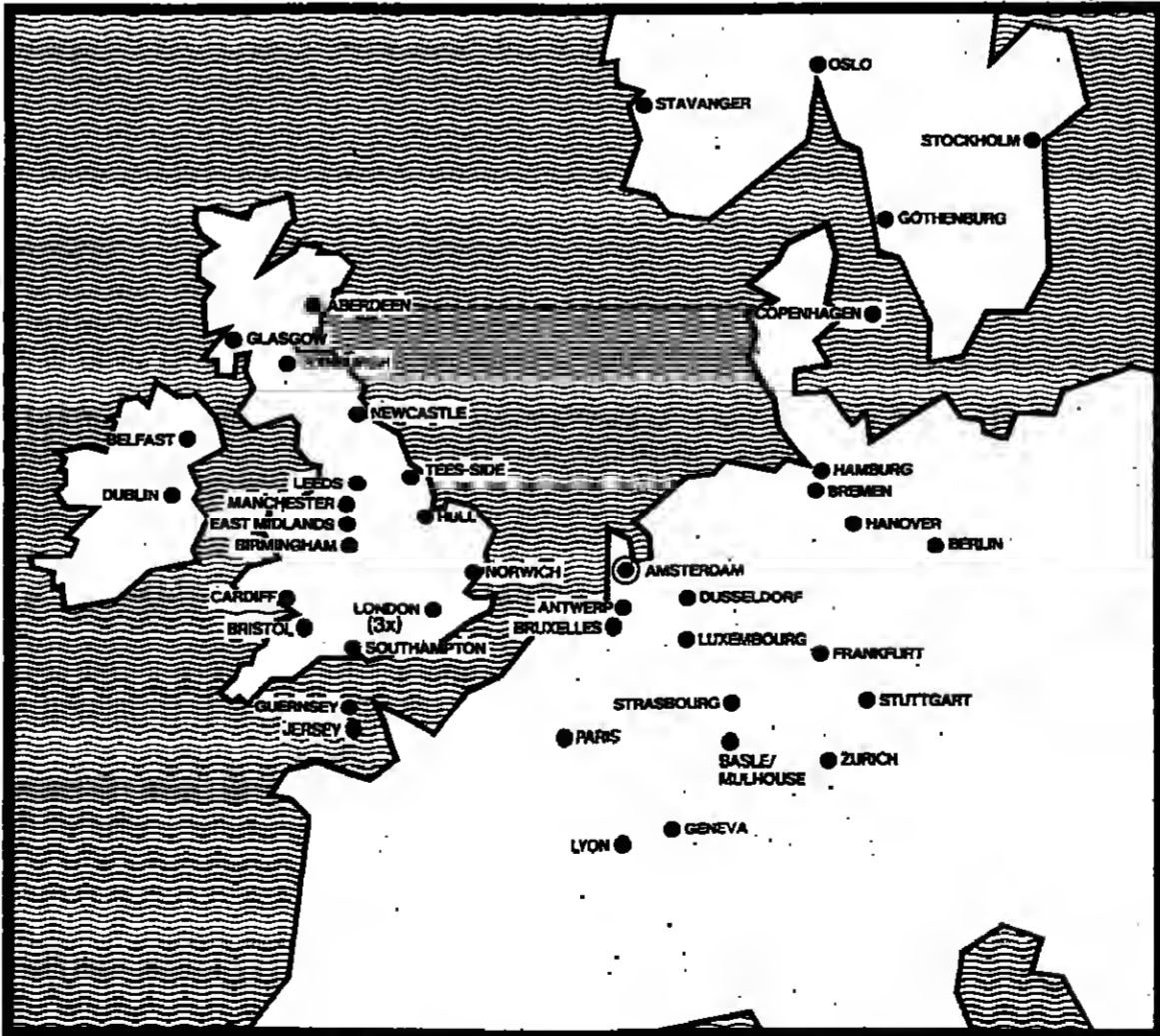
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To push social measures

French decree rule expected by January

PARIS, Nov. 20 (AP) — The French Socialist government expects to implement social measures — such as shorter work weeks and longer vacations — by decree as early as January, French Premier Pierre Mauroy said Thursday.

Poll indicates decline in Reagan's popularity

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan's popularity at home is wily declining, along a similar curve to that of his Democratic predecessor Jimmy Carter, according to a poll published here Friday. Reagan's performance was judged "good" by 46 percent of those polled (51 percent in October), while 35 percent thought it "only fair" and 16 percent missed it as "poor".

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Socialist-dominated parliament quickly to approve the government's draft bill requesting permission to bypass the legislature on certain social questions. "January and February will allow us to take up the essential ordinances, those which will open the path," Mauroy said.

Apparently worried by growing signs of public discontent, the government of President Francois Mitterrand announced Wednesday it would seek the power to implement urgent social measures by decree. Those measures include reducing the legal work week, lowering the retirement age, instituting a fifth week of paid vacation and entering into special contracts with business houses to create new jobs.

Socialists have generally applauded the government's plan, contending the people are too impatient to wait for a lengthy parliament debate on the topics. After a day of silence, the Communists also threw their support behind the Socialist's plan. Conservative opposition groups, however, have contended the plan to bypass parliament was a sign of weakness.

"This is a confession of powerlessness," said Claude Labbe, head of the Gaullist group in the National Assembly.

Brooch fetches \$1.3m

GENEVA, Nov. 20 (AFP) — A 23.65-carat diamond and ruby brooch was auctioned by Christie's to a private collector here Thursday night for a record 2,650,000 Swiss francs (\$1.3 million).

The 19th century American-made brooch was the largest item in a sale that totaled 15 million francs (\$7.5 million) and included a 50,000 francs (\$25,000) set of ruby cuff links and buttons that once belonged to American actor Clark Gable.

Other items that fetched record prices included a 1.1 million francs (\$500,000) diamond and ruby necklace, an 850,000 francs (\$400,000) pair of diamond earrings and a 450,000 francs (\$220,000) emerald bracelet, all from the Graziella Patino de Ortiz-Linares collection.

The 750,000 francs (\$35,000) raised for a 15 carat diamond ring sold by a British collector will be donated to cancer research.

U.N. study predicts Europe to face water scarcity

GENEVA, Nov. 20 (R) — Many European countries will be short of drinking water within 25 years, a United Nations study has predicted.

The U.N. Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) said there was already too little water to meet needs in Cyprus, Malta, Poland, Romania and the Ukraine and by the end of the century Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Luxembourg and Turkey would be added to the list.

"It is probable that after the end of the 20th century, one of the most serious problems for many countries will be that of assuring supplies of drinking water," the report, prepared for the ECE's water committee, said.

Countries like Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Turkey were likely to face the greatest increase in demand for drinking water as they changed from community wells to individual piped supplies.

Demand in Belgium, Canada, East Germany and Luxembourg was expected to double by the end of the century, the study reported. The study urged states to take anti-pollution measures to reduce the flow of waste material into rivers and lakes so that water could be re-used.

Meanwhile, a senior U.N. official Thursday described as distorted an American television report which said U.N. bureaucratic bungling had cost many lives in last year's famine in the Karamoja district of northern Uganda.

CBS television said last Sunday that U.N. aid organizations in Uganda had been underprepared and overbureaucratic, adding it had taken several attempts to get the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) to send someone to investigate the situation. An estimated 30,000 persons died from hunger and disease in the Karamoja famine.

Don Allen, spokesman of UNICEF's eastern African regional office based in Nairobi, said CBS had misrepresented UNICEF's role in Karamoja and added: "We vehemently reject the distortions of the CBS reports."

The CBS program criticized UNICEF as well as the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the disaster relief office and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Allen said CBS had singled out UNICEF as a scapegoat by misrepresenting its role in combined U.N. operations which had saved thousands of people in the famine-stricken region.

The CBS program, made in March and broadcast nine months later, did not film what UNICEF was doing then to save children. It did not report what UNICEF did to help feed the general population in 1981," he said.

UNICEF's mandate is to protect mothers and children, and the agency said it had reached some 15,000 of the worst victims at the peak of the famine.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — American Secretary of State Alexander Haig will pay a three-day visit to India from Dec. 16 for talks on bilateral relations and international issues, an official spokesman disclosed Friday. Haig, who will be making his first trip to India, will have discussions with Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao and will also call on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly, which adopted a resolution against foreign invasion of Afghanistan Wednesday, elected Afghanistan to the governing council of the U.N. environment program Thursday. Afghanistan was one of 11 new members the assembly named to three-year terms on the 58-member council starting next Jan. 1. The others were Oman, Morocco, Senegal, Tanzania, Colombia,

Jamaica, Greece, Spain, Canada and Poland. LONDON (AFP) — British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Douglas Hurd is to make an official visit to the United States from Nov. 23 to 25, a Foreign Office spokesman said here Friday.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Bhaskara-2, India's second satellite for earth observation, was launched from a Soviet cosmodrome at 0830 GMT Friday, it was reported here.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AFP) — The bodies of three prisoners have been found in garbage cans of Bayamon, Prison near here. Two had their throats cut and the other was decapitated, authorities said Friday. The three young men were awaiting trial on charges of theft. A total of 25 prisoners have been killed this year in the prisons of this Caribbean Island which is a U.S. territory.

BRIEFS

Labor shadow cabinet

Benn defeated in ballot

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP) — Tony Benn, head of the left-wing of the strife-torn opposition Labor Party, was ousted Thursday as a senior parliamentary spokesman after party leader Michael Foot told legislators not to vote for him.

The result of the annual ballot among Labor's 246 legislators in the 635-member House of Commons for the party's senior parliamentary spokesman, known as the shadow cabinet, was a victory for Foot and Labor moderates.

Benn polled 66 votes, 22 fewer than when he got last year, and came 20th among the 43 legislators who vied for the 15 elected places in the 22-member shadow cabinet, which is dominated by moderates. The other seven seats are held automatically by the leader and deputy leaders, three Labor peers, the party chairman and commons floor manager.

Former Energy Secretary Benn emerged grim-faced from a committee room at the commons where the result of the ballot was announced. "Michael Foot is now imprisoned in a very right-wing shadow cabinet," he said. But he added: "It was a good solid vote. It was twice what I expected."

Denis Healey, who retained the Labor deputy leadership this fall by a hair's breadth against a challenge by Benn at the party conference, described the results as "very satisfactory." "We now have a well-balanced shadow cabinet," said Healey.

Foot, 68, is regarded by many moderates as dithering and indecisive for failing to crack down on Labor leftists as he struggled to hold the party together.

After the deputy leadership contest Foot repeatedly said he wanted both Benn and Healey in the shadow cabinet. But his attempts at accommodating the left collapsed last week when Benn refused an ultimatum by Foot to endorse party policy as laid down by the shadow cabinet.

Diana said descendent of George Washington

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP) — Princess Diana has the blood of George Washington's family in her veins, a leading genealogist has claimed.

Patrick Montague-Smith, former editor of *Debrett's Peerage*, favorite reading of nobility, said he has established that Diana is descended from John Moore, who married into the Washington family before it moved from Britain to the United States in 1656.

Moore's wife, Mary Washington, says Mootague-Smith, was the grand-daughter of John Washington, whose elder brother Robert was the ninth generation ancestor of George Washington, America's first president.

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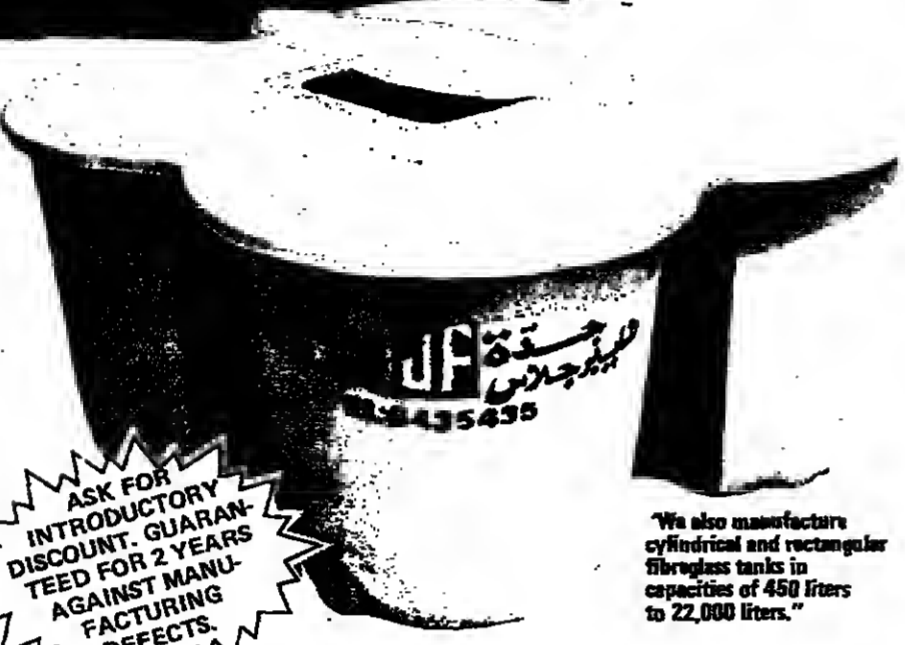
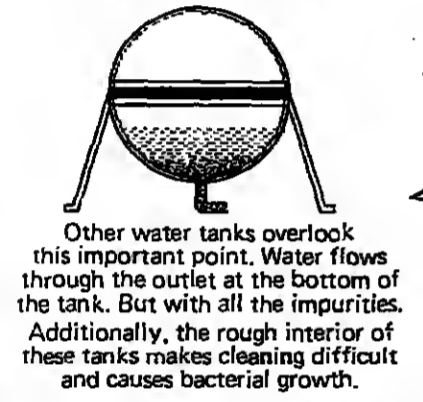
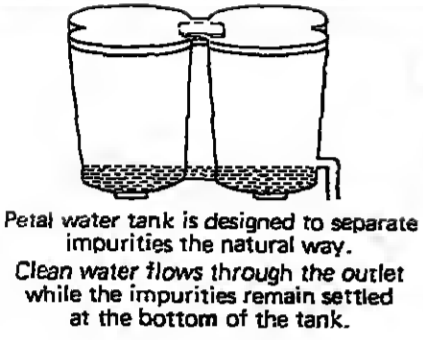
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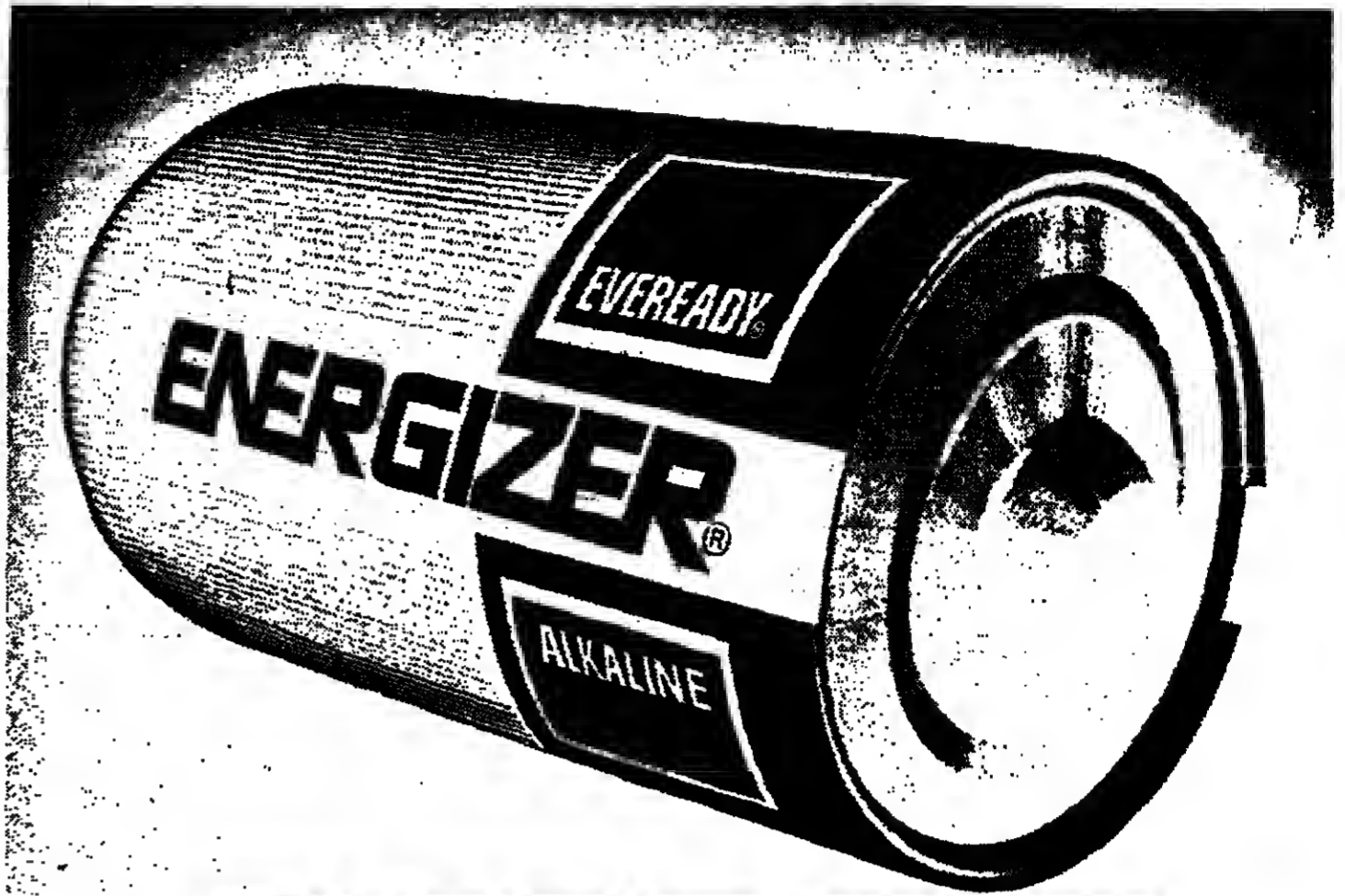
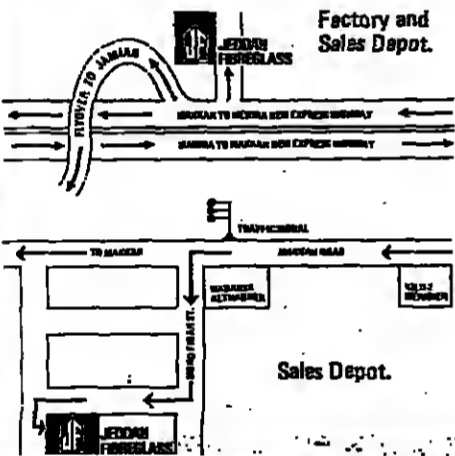
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Accord eludes EEC over budget reform

BRUSSELS, Nov. 20 (AP) — The Common Market failed to reach agreement Thursday on proposals for financial reform and will ask heads of government to break the deadlock at a European summit meeting in London next week.

"We registered some progress, but not very much," British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington told a news conference after presiding over the third Common Market foreign ministers' meeting this week.

On proposals to reform the 10-nation community's expensive agriculture policies, Carrington declared: "I'm afraid, if anything, there seems to be a slight hardening of position."

"There's a long way to go, only a week before the European summit and we've got to make solid progress now," Carrington said. "If we fail the problems simply aren't going to go away."

French President Francois Mitterrand, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and the seven other heads of government last June gave their Common Market representatives until the end of the year to

devise a plan that would put the economic bloc on a sound financial footing. The reform was designed to reduce the amount of spending on agriculture, 62 percent of the \$25 billion annual budget, and equalize the financial contributions from richer and poorer countries. West Germany and Britain, which pay more into the budget than they get back in program spending, are in the forefront of the reform movement.

Officials from some delegations have said that in light of the disagreement on reform formulas, the end-of-the-year deadline should be extended to next spring.

But Carrington said the community doesn't do itself credit when it fails to meet its own deadlines. "I don't think any of us should be under the illusion that putting off decisions will make reaching agreement any easier."

Asked if heads of government would defer tough negotiations and issue a bland reform pledge at their summit meeting next Thursday and Friday, Carrington replied sharply: "There's no good peering over the cracks, pretending disagreement doesn't exist. European councils and heads of government have to try to solve them."

OECD steel units facing crisis

PARIS, Nov. 20 (AFP) — Falling demand for steel has put the European steel industry in a "very serious position," the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) reported after a steel committee meeting here Thursday.

It said production in most OECD countries during the third quarter of this year had dropped below that of the same period last year, with the only notable exception being the United States where production in 1980 was particularly low.

It announced that total OECD third quarter production was eight percent lower than that of the second quarter this year, and that

the downward trend was expected to continue in the fourth quarter.

The OECD said 42,000 steel industry jobs had been cut in the European Economic Community (EEC) in the first 10 months of the year, and that layoffs had begun again in the United States after being stopped in the first quarter.

Many OECD countries are also worried about the low price of imported steel.

At Thursday's steel committee meeting, the United States gave details of its complaints against France and accused of subsidizing exports of steel products.

Kuwait earns \$4.7b from oil exports

KUWAIT, Nov. 20 (AP) — Kuwait gained a total of \$4.7 billion from its crude oil sales during the first quarter of 1981 — a 20 percent increase over the corresponding period last year, the Central Bank of Kuwait reported Thursday.

The bank attributed the increase to the rise in crude oil prices decreed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at the Bali, Indonesia, conference in December 1980.

But the bank reported a sharp drop in Kuwait's oil revenues in May 1981, well below the previous month. It said the country's income that month fell 32 percent because of the cutback in production by 17 percent — from 1.5 million barrels a day to 1.25 million barrels as of April.

Steel firm joins Marathon race

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP) — Marathon Oil Co., fighting a \$5.1 billion takeover bid from Mobil Corp., Thursday said its directors had accepted an offer from U.S. Steel Corp., the United States' largest steelmaker, to buy the Ohio oil concern.

U.S. Steel and Marathon jointly announced that beginning Thursday, the Pittsburgh-based steel giant would seek to buy 30 million shares of Marathon common stock, or about 51 percent of the outstanding stock, for \$1.25 a share.

Mobil has offered to buy out Marathon shareholders in a two-stage cash and stock deal including a bid of \$85 a share in cash for up to 40 million share of stock, or 68 percent of Marathon's outstanding common stock. The U.S. Steel offer, which was announced in New York, is scheduled to expire Dec. 17, unless extended.

Arab states pick projects under \$5b development plan

KUWAIT, Nov. 20 (AP) — Finance ministers of the Arab world's richest countries selected Thursday the first set of projects to be financed by the \$5 billion Arab Development Decade Fund.

Addressing the closing session of the one-day meeting here, Kuwait Finance Minister Abdul-Latif Al-Hamad said the list of projects included reconstruction of the Sudan sugar factory, a pan-Arab satellite network

which is to link all Arab stations, and an Arab food security program.

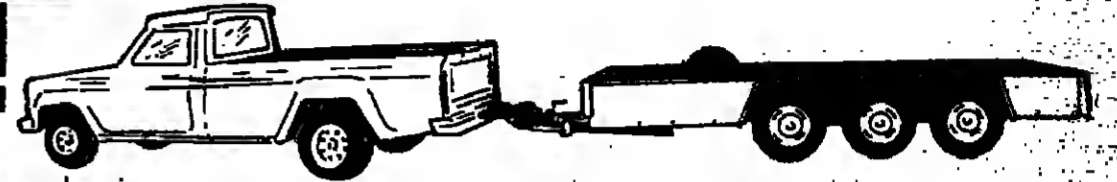
Other projects also endorsed by the ministers included a highway to link Djibouti, Somalia and Mauritania, and a power network expansion in North Yemen, said Al-Hamad.

He said the meeting elected the United Arab Emirates finance minister, Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashed Al Maktoum, to be

chairman of the decade's first year of operations, and Saudi Arabia's Muhsin bin Abd Al-Khalil as deputy chairman.

Al-Hamad added that the ministers also endorsed technical assistance to be extended to a number of Arab countries, on the basis of feasibility studies to be conducted by specialized agencies. The ministers were to hold their next meeting in Kuwait next April.

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Morocco to get \$4m FAO aid

RABAT, Nov. 20 (R) — The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will supply Morocco with over 20,000 tons of wheat worth \$4.4 million in emergency aid following the worst drought in 35 years, it was officially announced here.

The aid will be in addition to 20,000 tons of wheat already granted by the FAO and similar assistance from Western countries such as the United States, France and West Germany. According to official estimates, Morocco will have to import about two million tons of wheat this year.

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Japan rejects U.S. tariff-cut plea

TOKYO, Nov. 20 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Friday turned down U.S. tariff-cutting proposals in a meeting with visiting U.S. Trade Secretary Donald Regan, Japanese officials said.

The prime minister said tariff cuts had already been agreed at the last Tokyo round of multilateral trade negotiations and he feared a bilateral U.S./Japan accord would bring disorder to the agreement, the officials reported.

Speaking to reporters afterwards, Regan said trade was a two-day street and noted growing protectionist feeling against Japanese manufactured goods in the U.S.

The Japanese officials said Suzuki assured Regan that efforts by the Japanese government to moderate and simplify export proce-

dures, inspection systems and other non-tariff barriers would continue.

Regan said the U.S. noted the Japanese cabinet held a special meeting to discuss ways to trim Japan's rising trade surplus with the U.S. and European Common Market, and appreciated such moves.

Earlier, he met Toshio Kmoto, director general of the economic planning agency, where officials said he was promised that Japan would work out the surplus-cutting measures to head off trade friction as soon as possible.

Earlier, the United States presented Japan with a set of proposals including removal of import tariffs on 29 items, among them computers and car parts, the Foreign Ministry said.

The U.S. also called for revision of import procedures, simplified inspection standards for cars and revision of quarantine inspection for plants and animals. Koichi, Kakiizu, director general of the Finance Ministry's Customs and Tariff Bureau, told the committee that acceptance of the U.S. request might have led to collapse of the framework of the multinational tariff cutting talks.

Japan plans to simplify import inspection and tariff procedures quickly, Kakinizu said.

The American proposals were delivered in advance of Wednesday special Japanese cabinet council meeting which discussed measures to reduce Japan's foreign trade surplus which might reach a record \$23 billion in the financial year ending next March.

Senate okays stopgap funding bill

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (R) — The Senate approved a stopgap funding bill Friday to keep most U.S. government operations functioning beyond midnight.

Senators earlier reaching a compromise designed to avert a veto by President Ronald Reagan, who had claimed the original bill exceeded his latest budget limits. The compromise calls for reducing non-military spending by about \$353 billion in the 1982 financial year which began Oct. 1.

Under the compromise, Republicans who control the Senate worked out a deal with Democrats to extend the stopgap bill only through next March 30.

North-South talks U.S. disappoints 3rd World

BRUSSELS, Nov. 20 (R) — The United States has disappointed the hopes of developing countries of fast progress toward talks on narrowing the gap between the rich and poor worlds.

In a note circulated to countries present at last month's 23-nation North-South summit in Cancun, Mexico, the Reagan administration laid down stiff conditions for the so-called "global negotiations" sought by the developing countries.

Officials at the European Economic Community (EEC) headquarters in Brussels said the headline U.S. policy was alienating the developing states and frustrating European countries who took a more conciliatory stance.

The current president of the United Nations General Assembly, Ismat Kittani, has made clear that he wants an agreement to launch the negotiations there by the end of this session in December. But foreign aid experts in Brussels said there was no chance of quick movement if the United States maintained its stance.

Officials and diplomats here said the U.S. note appeared to be backing away from a statement issued by the Cancun summit saying that the 22 participants agreed on supporting global talks "with a sense of urgency." The note stressed that the United States did not feel bound by any part of the Cancun statement, adding that in the American government's view the summit's conclu-

sions went no further than a declaration after a meeting of five industrialized countries in Ottawa last July.

Diplomats from the Third World, who had keenly noted differences between the diplomatic language of the two statements, said this was a grave disappointment.

The United States has been reluctant to see global talks centered on the U.N. General Assembly, where the Third World countries have an inbuilt majority.

Shell records \$891m profit

LONDON, Nov. 20 (R) — Royal Dutch-Shell, the world's second biggest oil company, reported higher profits for the July-September quarter of 1981 with some revival in its refining and marketing business.

The Anglo-Dutch group, in common with other oil firms particularly in Western Europe and Japan, has been losing money buying high-priced crude, refining it and selling the petrol and other products in a market where recession has slashed demand.

Shell said third quarter net income, after taxes, was 424 million sterling (\$891 million), against 391 million sterling (\$743 million) in the same three months of 1980. In the April-June quarter of this year net income dipped in 165 million sterling (\$313 million).

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U.S. Navy to buy British 'Hawks'

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AFP) — The U.S. Navy has decided to buy British "Hawk" jet training planes, British Defense Secretary John Nott announced Thursday night.

An informed source said the Americans might order 300 Hawks costing from 500 million to 600 million pounds (\$1.08 billion). The contract was won by British Aerospace Corporation in conjunction with the U.S. firms McDonnell-Douglas and Sperry.

The navy preferred the Hawk to the Franco-German Alpha-jet trainer.

Gulf states to lend World Bank \$1b

BEIRUT, Nov. 20 (AFP) — Three Gulf states, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, have agreed to lend \$1 billion to the World Bank next year, the Lebanese weekly *Al Wahar Arab Report and Memo* has reported.

In a despatch from Washington, it said Saudi Arabia was contributing two thirds of the loan, which would make up a fifth of the World Bank's total loans for 1982.

The report said the loan was the first of any importance from Arab countries for several years, and that the Saudi Arabian portion could possibly be renewed in future years.

BRIEFS

TOKYO (AP) — The chief administrator of the Suez Canal Friday renewed a request that Japan extend the equivalent of \$250 million in yen loans to enlarge what is one of the world's busiest shipping routes, officials said.

Mashhour, Ahmed Mashhour, president of the Suez Canal Authority, made the request in a meeting with Rokusuke Tanaka, Japan's minister for international trade and industry.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A new private information agency called IRIS — International Reporting and Information System — is soon to establish its headquarters here, local radio has reported. IRIS has hired former British Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath in head of the board and choose departmental heads for the United States, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

ROME (AP) — Italy's state oil company Thursday announced an 'important oil discovery' off Egypt's Mediterranean coast in territorial waters returned to Egypt by Israel in 1979 under the Camp David accords. The find was made in the El Tina Gulf about 50 kilometers off Port Said.

LONDON (AFP) — The 2,200 workers at Leyland, Longbridge, voted to continue their 10-day-old strike in a bid to stop the management reducing their tea break by 11 minutes a day. Output of Mini-Vetro is at a standstill and 6,000 people have been laid off.

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt and the U.S. firm Westinghouse signed an accord for the supply of equipment for an electricity power complex destined to become the most important in the Middle East. It was announced here Thursday. Westinghouse will supply and install turbines and generators worth \$82 million in the 1,000 million kilowatt/hour power complex to be built in the Cairo suburb of Chubrah El Kheina.

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Pistons blast Bullets

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP) — How much better are the Detroit Pistons this year? Statistics are for losers, but there's one meaningful piece of arithmetic that probably answers that question best. Last year's Pistons lost 16 games before they won their sixth.

Thursday night, in their 10th game of the 1981-82 National Basketball Association season, Detroit notched its sixth victory. At this rate, the Pistons can just about forget Ralph Sampson — if he declares hardship — in the draft next year.

"This is a young team and they give me everything they have all the time," Pistons coach Scotty Robertson said, after Detroit blasted the Washington Bullets 122-97.

Rookie Kelly Tripucka scored 22 points and John Long added 20 as the Pistons led virtually the entire game. As usual, when the Pistons win, Rookie point guard Isiah Thomas plays the key role. Against Washington, he scored 14 points and dished off 13 assists.

In other NBA action Thursday night, the Atlanta Hawks defeated the New York Knicks 89-84; the Indiana Pacers knocked off the Kansas City Kings 102-99 and the

Thailand 'A' advances

BANGKOK, Nov. 20 (AP) — Thailand "A" beat Poland 2-0 in the semifinals of the Kings Cup Soccer Tournament at the National Stadium here Friday night.

In another match, North Korea defeated China 2-0.

Golden State Warriors beat the San Diego Clippers 105-100.

Pacers 102, Kings 99; Johnny Davis hit two throws with four seconds remaining as Indiana held off a second-half Kansas City rally. Davis' free throws ended a run of five straight points in the final two minutes by the Kings. Kansas City's Mike Woodson had 24 points but was charged with a key offensive foul with 24 seconds left when the Kings could have taken the lead. Billy Knight led the Pacers with 18 points.

Hawks 89, Knicks 84; Dan Roundfield scored 23 points, including a short jumper with 40 seconds left, to hand the Knicks, 3-7, their fourth straight loss. Atlanta never led by fewer than seven points in the second half until New York staged a comeback in the last two minutes, pulling within 87-84, on a three-point shot by Mike Newlin with nine seconds left. Free Rollins clinched the game with two fouls shots with seven seconds remaining.

Warriors 105, Clippers 100; Lloyd free scored 24 points and Larry Smith had nine of his 13 in the fourth quarter. The victory may be a costly one for the Warriors. Bernard King, who finished with 22 points, left with an injured left knee with 6:16 remaining.

Jerome Whitehead, replacing Swen Nater as the starting center for the second consecutive game, led the Clippers with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Rookie Tom Chambers also had 18 points for San Diego.

Dagley, Ferreira enter semis

NEW DELHI, Nov. 20 (AP) — Top seed Norman Dagley of England, Indians Michael Ferreira and Subhash Agrawal and Pakistan's Lateef Amir Bux on Thursday entered the semifinals of the World Amateur billiards Championships here.

Dagley, world champion in 1971 and 1975, will play Bux, who is making his international debut in the first semifinal on Saturday, while 1977 world title Ferreira will meet Agrawal in the other semifinal the next day.

On Thursday, Agrawal, who set two new international records in the current tournament, suffered his first defeat when he was edged 1,327-1,880 by Dagley in a Group 'A' match. The victory made the Englishman the league leader.

Playing in Group 'B,' second seed Ferreira emerged the league champion

when in his last preliminary round match he overwhelmed England's Bob Close 2,720-558. At half-time, the Indian led by 873 points.

Ferreira, unbeaten so far, rattled off eight century breaks, five of them in the first session. His highest was 427.

In another match, Pakistani Bux, who had lost to Ferreira in an earlier contest, humbled S.M. Shaharwardi, Sri Lanka's second-ranked player, 1,860-841 to be the Group 'B' runner-up. Bux, the dark horse of the New Delhi tournament, reeled off century breaks of 227, 140, 100 and 148.

In the most keenly contested match, Malta's Joe Gych, after playing himself out of reckoning, edged New Zealand's No. 1 D.M. Meredith 1,351-1,330. A.K.B. Giles, also of New Zealand, beat Sri Lanka's top player J.M.H. Boteju 11,117-1,078.

Wadkins grabs lead in Phoenix Golf

MIYAZAKI, Japan, Nov. 20 (AFP) — American Bobby Wadkins, starting from 20th spot, reeled off six consecutive birdies to grab the lead after the second round Friday of the 80 million yen (\$347,830) Dunlop Phoenix Golf Tournament here, the richest golf tournament in Japan.

Wadkins, winner here in 1979, rolled in one eagle and seven birdies against two bogeys for the day's best score of 65 for a two-day total 137, seven under par, over the 6,381-meter Phoenix country club layout. One stroke behind Wadkins were Scott

Simpson of the U.S. and Seven Ballesteros of Spain, this year's world match play winner. Simpson and Ballesteros both fired six-under 66's for 138. Alone at 139 was Japanese Tsunenuki Nakajima who shot a 68.

Defending champion American Tom Watson, first-round co-leader, ballooned to a disappointing 74 and was tied for 15th place with American Tom Kite at 143.

Ramesh upsets Edmondson

Vilas, Lendl move ahead

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Nov. 20 (AP) — Local favorite Guillermo Vilas and top seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia both scored victories Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$175,000 Argentine Open Tennis Tournament.

Second seed Vilas beat fellow Argentine Roberto Arguello 6-4, 7-5 and Lendl, the current Grand Prix points leader, knocked off Spain's Manuel Orantes 6-4, 6-0. The second set lasted only 19 minutes as Orantes crumbled under the Czech's power and precision.

Lendl plays Uruguay's Diego Perez in the quarters Friday while Vilas measures himself against West Germany's Rolf Ghering, who advanced earlier Thursday with a 7-6, 7-6 victory over Chile's Jaime Fillol.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Yannick Noah of France downed Jeff Borowiak of the United States 6-3, 6-4 in a late Thursday night match to advance into the quarterfinals of the \$75,000 Volvo Indoor Tennis Tournament in Bologna. Noah, who played aggressive tennis against the American, faces Italian Davis Cup star Corrado Barazzutti in the quarterfinals.

Rising Czechoslovak star Jiri Granat also moved into the quarterfinals, struggling three sets, and one tie-break, against a second American player, Glen Holroyd. Granat

who had upset home idol Adriano Panatta in the opening round, won 4-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Romanian veteran Ilie Nastase was another quarterfinalist. Nastase, who needed three close sets to defeat Sweden's Gunnarsson in the previous round, qualified following default of young Italian Gianluca Rinaldi, bedded by flu.

Earlier qualifiers were Sandy Mayer and Tim Mayotte of the U.S., seeded third and fifth respectively, second-seeded Balazs Taroczy of Hungary, fourth-seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia and unseeded Barazzutti.

In the doubles young U.S. player Sammy Giammalva, teaming with France's Henry Leconte upset the experienced U.S.-Italian pair of Sandy Mayer and Adriano Panatta 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Fans whistled and booed at Panatta after his second upset in the tournament. The Italian player claimed he was hampered by an eye ailment, which might require surgery.

Panatta will face John McEnroe, Sandy Mayer and Argentine ace Jose Luis Clerc and Guillermo Vilas in the \$350,000 Master Brooklyn in Milan next week.

In Bangkok, Ramesh Krishnan of India upset second-seeded Mark Edmondson of Australia 6-7, 7-6, 6-2 in the second round of the \$85,000 Bangkok Tennis Classic at the Hua Mark Indoor Stadium.

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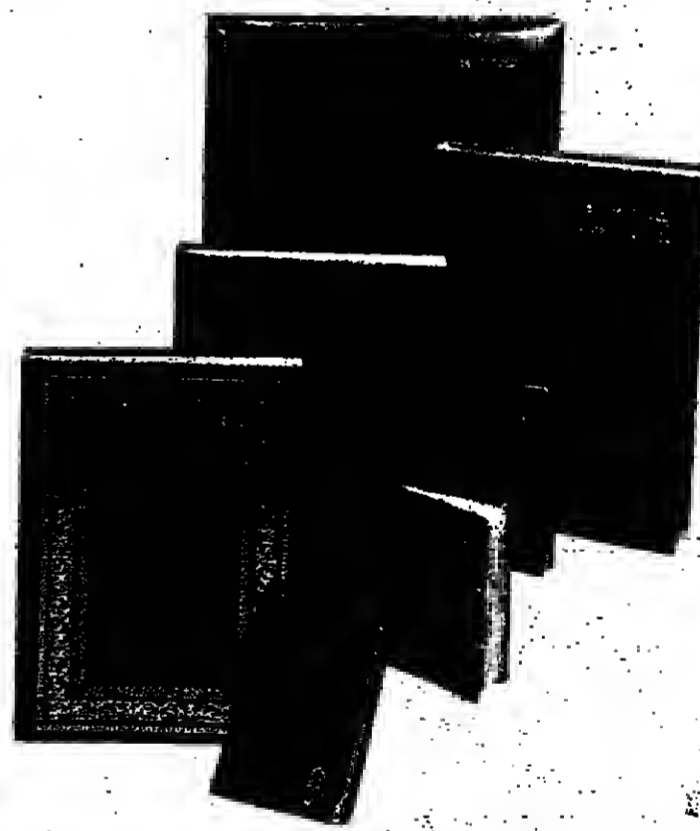
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Karpov keeps world crown

MERANO, Italy, Nov. 20, (R) — World chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union retained his title for the next three years with a sixth and final win over challenger Viktor Korchnoi Friday.

Korchnoi, in a hopeless position, resigned in a telephone call to chief arbiter Paul Klein without resuming play in the adjourned 18th game of the championship duel here.

Karpov, champion since 1975, kept his crown with an easy 6-2 margin in the shortest match of International Chess Federation history. He became the first player to defend the title twice successfully since Mikhail Botvinnik, also of the Soviet Union in 1951 and 1954.

It was the third defeat inflicted by Karpov on Korchnoi, 50, who defected to the west from the Soviet Union in 1976. Korchnoi lost

3-2 to Karpov in the final of the 1974 Candidates Tournament which chose the challenger to U.S. world champion Bobby Fischer.

After quitting the Soviet Union and accusing the chess authorities there of being "towards the younger player, Korchnoi won the right to challenge Karpov in 1978. But he lost the match in the Philippines 6-5 in a struggle lasting a record 93 days.

He later overcame many of the world's best players to challenge Karpov again. But Korchnoi's hopes for a repeat of the drama in the Philippines, when the challenger clawed his way back to within a hairsbreadth of victory after being 5-2 down, were disappointed.

Korchnoi made a disastrous start, losing three of the first four games and putting Kar-

pov half way to victory in just over a week. The later stages of the match were more evenly contested and two wins by the challenger briefly revived the hopes of his supporters.

But an unruffled Karpov kept his nerve under pressure and it was Korchnoi who cracked in the final game, refusing to stay seated at the board when he was in time trouble and unable to find defences against the champion's simple but insistent attack.

"It is not easy to play such a match," Korchnoi said in the closing stages of his 1978 duel. "In three years time, I think, my match for the title will not be interesting. But I will fight, as I am fighting now."

"The match was terribly one-sided," commented U.S. grandmaster Robert Byrne, a former championship candidate.



Anatoly Karpov, all concentration

Soviet spikers beat China to share top spot

FUKUOKA, Japan, Nov. 20 (AFP) — Defending champions the Soviet Union beat China 15-11, 15-11, 15-12 to share the lead with Cuba and Poland, each with two wins against no losses, after the second round of the men's Volleyball World Cup Tournament here Friday.

It was the Chinese spikers second defeat against no win.

Cuba beat Tunisia 15-6, 15-4, 15-4, while Poland prevailed over Italy 15-7, 15-10, 10-15, 11-15, 15-16. Tunisia and Italy are both 0-2.

Brazil scored their first win against one loss

when they crushed Japan 15-10, 10-15, 15-8, 15-11. Japan is also 1-1.

The eight nations are competing in the round-robin tournament, which lasts until Nov. 28 and in which every team plays every other team in turn, in nine Japanese cities across the country.

The tournament is the latter half of the World Cup series in which the Chinese women defeated defending champion Japan to win the title with a 7-0 sweep last week.

Montoya goal revives El Salvador's hopes

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Nov. 20 (AP) — El Salvador downed Haiti 1-0 in regional playoff action here Thursday night. The win kept El Salvador's hopes alive in the competition for one of two berths at next year's World Soccer Cup finals in Spain, but just barely.

Honduras clinched one of the two tickets to Spain Monday by tying 0-0 with El Salvador. Mexico and Canada were tied with El Salvador at four points each prior to Thursday's game. The win gave the Salvadoran squad a total of six points.

If Canada and Mexico tie or lose their upcoming matches with Cuba and Honduras then El Salvador will automatically go on to Spain to compete for the World Cup. Cuba, with three points, was eliminated from the North-Central American and Caribbean round-robin as a result of Thursday's game.

Haiti, with just two points, lost all hope of seeing World Cup action after losing 2-0 to Cuba Sunday. Despite a lack of incentive to win, however, Haiti was the dominant team throughout Thursday night's game. The Haitians controlled the ball for most of the match and showed themselves to be faster and craftier than the Salvadorans. Montoya, the El Salvador captain, scored the winning goal following an 18th minute penalty.

In Mwanza, Tanzania, Zambia moved back into contention for a semifinal place in the

East and Central Africa Soccer Challenge Cup with a 1-1 draw against Zimbabwe in a preliminary Group Two match.

The Zambians, who led 1-0 at the interval, were transformed from the team that carried 3-1 to Uganda earlier.

They made a marvellous start when Pele Kaimana scored after only three minutes. It was not until seven minutes from the end that Zimbabwe equalized, left-winger Machowa Sibanda, at last producing some of his dazzling skills, scoring with a fierce shot.

Jurgen Roerber signs for Forest

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AFP) — English First Division Football Club Nottingham Forest have signed West German midfielder international Jurgen Roerber for 250,000 pounds sterling (\$475,000).

Roerber, 27, trained with Forest several times and played with the side in Nottingham County manager Jimmy Sirret's testimonial match two weeks ago.

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AMSTERDAM, (AFP) — Dutch Sports Federations have decided not to follow automatically future government boycott recommendations. This decision was reached here Thursday at a special congress of the National Sportsmen and politicians.

TOKYO, (AP) — America's top jockey Willie Shoemaker will ride in Japan's first international horse race — the \$537,000 Japan Cup — Sunday, hoping to finish first. The 50-year-old Shoemaker, who will be in the saddle of P'Title Tete, a French-bred U.S. horse, will race against two other American jockeys, three Canadians, one Indian and eight Japanese for the first prize money of \$282,000.

PERTH, (AFP) — Top-seeded Andrea Jaeger, the fourth-ranked woman tennis player in the world, reached the semifinals of the Panasonic Tournament at Royal Kings

Park here Thursday. The American girl defeated compatriot Lisa Allen, 6-3, 7-6.

MUNSTER, West Germany, (AFP) — Dutchman Rene Pijnen and Dane Gert Frank stayed in the lead in the six-day cycling race here at the end of the third night Thursday.

PORTSMOUTH, (AFP) — Ceramco New Zealand and Dutch entry flyer are tussling for the lead on the second leg of the Round The World Yacht Race, according to latest reports. Nearly three weeks after they left Cape Town for Auckland the New Zealand yacht was just six kilometres (four miles) nearer their destination, the Royal Naval Sailing Association said here Thursday.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Tom Seickmann of the United States shot a six-under-par 66 Thursday to take the lead in the first round of the \$50,000 Brazil Open Golf Tournament here.

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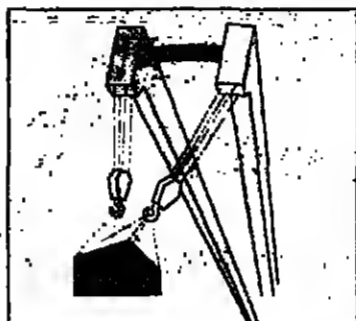
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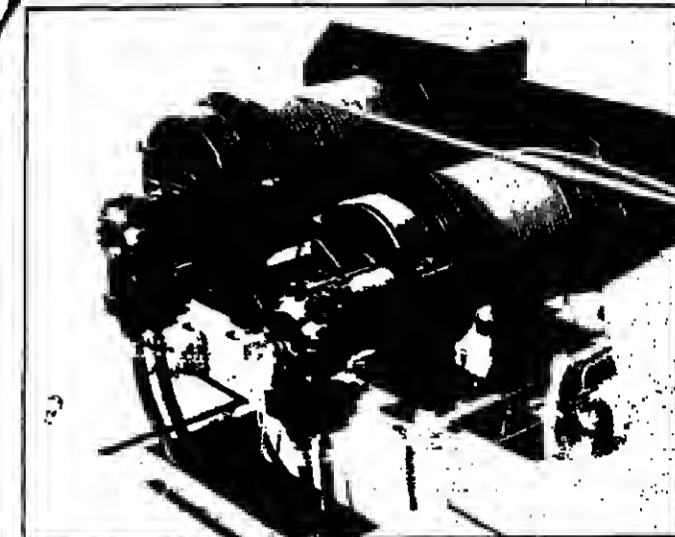
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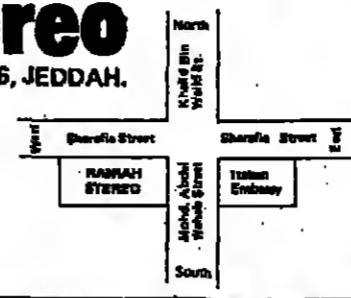
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Irish leader alleges assassination plot

BELFAST, Nov. 20 (R) — Hard-line Protestant leader Ian Paisley, marshaling his forces for an anti-government protest across Northern Ireland, said Friday British intelligence had revived a plot to kill him.

The fiery preacher-politician, who rarely moves in public without a posse of bodyguards and always rides in a bullet-proof car, told a news conference that the British intelligence services first planned to assassinate him in the early 1970s. "I have had

information in the last few days that this has been revived," Paisley said.

He added that the information was given to him by a friend who was in the intelligence services. "The British authorities would be very happy to see me eliminated because I am the person who resists them in their policy," he told a press conference.

Paisley has emerged as the most outspoken critic of the British government in the latest crisis in the British-ruled province, torn by conflict between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

Berlin entry made tougher

BERLIN, Nov. 20 (AP) — New rules making it harder for foreigners to immigrate to West Berlin took effect Friday, city officials announced. Heinrich Lummer, city interior minister, told reporters the regulations were needed to control "an explosive political and social development."

City authorities have long blamed aliens for much of the illegal drug trade and other illegal crimes in West Berlin. An estimated 200,000 foreigners live legally in West Berlin which has a population of about 2 million. Thousands more aliens have entered the city illegally or have taken advantage of loopholes in the law set up residence here, authorities say. The new rules are intended to close the loopholes.

In the last two weeks he has whipped up anti-government sentiment among Protestant loyalists who fear Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is preparing the political ground to give up Northern Ireland and unify it with the Irish Republic.

A spokesman for the government's Northern Ireland Office rejected the assassination allegation. "The government is not interested in seeing anyone killed in Northern Ireland," the spokesman said. "The government has no plans to assassinate anybody."

Paisley has called a day protest next Monday to back his threat to make the province ungovernable unless Mrs. Thatcher ceases overtures to the Dublin government and takes tougher security measures against the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

The IRA, fighting to end British rule of the province, has embarked on a murder campaign in the last two weeks, killing eight Protestants including a prominent member of parliament, the Rev. Robert Bradford.

Police meanwhile have warned that IRA guerrillas aim to create total disorder in the province with a campaign of killings.

Chief constable Jack Hermon said: "The campaign of murders, whether of leading citizens or members of the security forces, is an attempt to provoke the Protestant community into extreme action and set up a chain of events favorable to the IRA's aims."

The police chief added: "The IRA are now all the more intent on murdering leading citizens as part of their plan to create total disorder in the province."

Police and British troops have stepped up security measures to try to quell the resultant fury of Protestants loyal to British rule. The chief constable said the police and army, who total about 20,000, had in recent weeks foiled a massive bombing campaign planned by the IRA. He did not elaborate.

Filipino dies embedded in cement Friend's last agonizing hour recalled

MANILA, Philippines, Nov. 20 (AP) — Only the friend who tried to rescue him sat by the coffin of 19-year-old Luciano Gabani in the funeral parlor Thursday.

"I told him I will not let him die," Hali Labong said. "I told him I will not let anything happen to him."

Labong, 21, was recounting to the Associated Press the last agonizing hours in the life of his friend, one of seven workers killed when a top floor of a "film palace" being constructed collapsed under the weight of fresh cement they were pouring.

Thirty-six others were injured. Labong, who was working with Gabani, was unscathed. Gabani, who fell 75 feet (23 meters) down, lived for 12 hours with his legs embedded in cement that came down with him. He died — in a squat position — of internal bleeding and shock — after begging to be saved — because rescuers could not break the cement that had hardened around him into massive slab.

A crowd of hundreds, including military and police officers, reporters and plain onlookers witnessed the scene.

The "film palace," a 200-million-peso (\$25 million) building, is being constructed

for an international film festival in January organized by Philippine first lady Imelda R. Marcos.

A native like Labong of the Communist rebellion-wracked Samar island, Gabani migrated as a 16-year-old to Manila three years ago hoping for a better life in the city. At the "film palace," he earned 31 peso (\$3.85) a day.

Labong said a power blackout engulfed the site when the top floors caved in at 2 a.m. Racing down, he found Gabani covered by planks of wood and buried up to the waist in fresh cement.

"I scraped some of it down to his thighs but I could not move his legs because they were pinned under a beam," Labong said. "He said, 'please get me out of here. Please get me to a hospital.' I said I will not let you die." Other rescuers came Labong said, but by daybreak the cement had hardened.

Protuding from the same slab were the heads and an arm of four other workers, all already dead. Labong said rescuers could not break the slab because they had only chisels and hammers.

At one point, Labong said, Gabani asked for coffee and he brought it to him. "The last

thing he told me was 'please save me,'" Labong said. "I could not forget it. Then his mouth began to froth."

Doctors, summoned late, came toward noon. By then Gabani was in deep shock, apparently bleeding internally, and close to death. "He was in a stupor, no sound, no moans, he was just out. He was no longer conscious of the crowd around him," said Dr. Carina Hernandez, 24, "an amputation at that point would have killed him."

Doctors, who tried to sustain Gabani by feeding him intravenously with dextrose and blood substitute, told rescuers he would die if he was not freed in two hours.

TV and news cameramen, quick to catch the scent of death, clicked away. A reporter stepped in and asked the boy what his name was. "Please, he's dying," a doctor said.

"I have seen many deaths, but this was different," said Dr. Hernandez.

Tears stood in Labong's eyes. He said Gabani had counted on going home to Samar, in the central Philippines, for Christmas, "but that's nothing now," he said. "I could not forget the last thing he told me." Labong said. "Please save me," he said.

Walesa appeals for food aid

WARSAW, Nov. 20 (AP) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa appealed Friday to the "whole world" for emergency food aid to get Poland through the winter. He said shortages could spark dangerous popular outburst of anger.

Walesa's appeal was at first addressed to West European trade unionists, but he said later he meant to make his request to the entire world.

Walesa said food shortages in Poland "can become a source of dangerous social tensions and (provoked) spontaneous outbursts of popular anger which may upset the prospects of economic and political stabilization in Poland."

His letter did not specify the foods

required. The most acute shortages are of meat and meat products and dairy products.

"Since the initial moments of its existence, Solidarity has enjoyed the backing of the working people of the entire world," Walesa said. "We are convinced that we can lead the country out of crisis. We are positive that Solidarity knows no borders."

The Polish news agency PAP reported meanwhile, that about 800 military squads sent to Polish towns and villages one month ago were to begin returning to their barracks Friday, but will "remain in constant readiness to enter into action again if necessary."

In talks Thursday with the government, Solidarity urged creation of an independent council of experts to supervise the overhaul of Poland's debt-ridden economy.

Soviets 'have nuclear advantage'

LONDON, Nov. 20 (AP) — The Soviet-led Warsaw Pact has a distinct nuclear advantage in Europe over the U.S.-led NATO alliance according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), the London-based independent research organization.

But the advantage is not "on the order of six to one" as President Ronald Reagan said in a speech Wednesday, IISS says. It's closer to a maximum of 3-to-1, depending on how nuclear arsenals are assessed. The Soviets responded to the speech by saying there is approximate parity in nuclear weaponry.

The IISS think tank, which deals with international security and arms control in the nuclear age, approaches its assessment of the nuclear balance from a different angle than Reagan or the Soviets. On bare figures, the institute includes British and French nuclear weapons in addition to U.S. weapons in Europe. Reagan did not include British and French weapons. The Soviets did.

The institute, which is not supported by any government and is financed largely by private foundations, goes beyond a simple count of nuclear systems and warheads, and

attempts to show what warheads would actually "arrive" on targets in the event of all-out war.

Meanwhile, Col. Gen. A.D. Melekhin, a deputy commander of Soviet strategic rocket forces, said in an article in the Moscow newspaper *Trud* Thursday that Soviet missile forces had reached "a qualitatively new level of development." He added: "These rockets are capable of quickly and successfully dispatching to a target nuclear charges of colossal power, dealing unavoidable blows to the aggressor wherever he might be."

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Belgian coalition talks

BRUSSELS, Nov. 20 (AFP) — King Baudouin of Belgium Friday gave former Justice Minister Herman Vanderpoorten additional time to obtain an accord between the country's political parties on the composition of a new government.

Vanderpoorten, named by the king to try to form a new government, had been unable to obtain the needed agreement in the designated time. The Liberals, big winners in the Nov. 8 elections, are unable to form a minority government without a coalition.

But the Flemish Socialists refuse to align themselves either with the Liberals in a bipartisan coalition, or with the Liberals and social Christians in a tripartisan bloc.

And the Social Christians, still smarting from their election defeat, are holding to a "wait and see" stance.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

What happens to presidents of the United States when they are no longer presidents? Well, for one thing, the value placed on their lives seems to depreciate drastically. (Not as drastically perhaps as the lives of ex-presidents in other parts of the world, but drastically enough nevertheless.)

The proof is what happened when President Reagan thought he ought to attend the funeral of the late President Sadat. A word in his ear from his security chiefs sufficed to convince that it was too dangerous. All right, then, who should go? Why, the fools running around shooting their mouths on all kinds of topics while costing the States untold millions in protection money — namely, Nixon, Ford and Carter. Let them go, and no worry if anything happens. State funeral guaranteed, and something for the bereaved family. A plot in Arlington negotiable...

The former first ladies of these expendables seem to do much better. Public life plays hell with all the other kinds of life which a lady citizen of that particular background and (no discourtesy intended) age, has a right to.

Thus Mrs. Carter, back home to Plains in Georgia, reports now that she can give full attention to her growing daughter Amy. She also spends much of her day working on her garden. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Johnson work for equality of opportunity and pay for women. Mrs. Ford says that as her son Steve is appearing nightly on a television series, she has no worries on his account. All she needs to do whenever she wants to check on him is flick the television on.

All in all, a contented existence — while the menfolk are exposed to the perils of the outside world.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awwad

Viola to take rest

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 20 (R) — Doctors attending Argentine President Roberto Viola, who suffers from a heart condition, have recommended a period of complete rest which could lead to his temporary replacement by Interior Minister Horacio Lloredo, the local news agency Noticias Argentinas (NA) said Friday.

The agency, quoting reliable sources, said reports from two cardiologists who examined Gen. Viola Thursday, were submitted to the ruling military junta, empowered to decide on any request for leave by the president.

The 57-year-old former army commander, a heavy smoker, would have to delegate his duties for about 15 days, the agency added. No official confirmation was immediately available, but government sources said a communique would be issued later.